



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2568

Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail Designation Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 24, 2006*

S. 2568 would amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail as a National Historic Trail. The trail consists of a series of water routes extending about 3,000 miles along the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries that trace the voyages of Captain John Smith. The National Park Service (NPS) would administer the trail and coordinate the efforts of public and private entities on trail administration, planning, development, and maintenance.

Based on information provided by the NPS and assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that establishing, developing, and administering the proposed historic trail would cost about \$2 million over the 2007-2011 period. Of this amount, we estimate that the NPS would spend a total of \$400,000 over the next two years to prepare a comprehensive management plan for the trail. In addition, we estimate that the NPS would spend about \$500,000 annually beginning in 2009 to maintain the trail, develop access sites, and install interpretive signs.

S. 2568 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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